

Head 5 — FINES, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES

Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2012–13	Original estimate 2013–14	Revised estimate 2013–14	Estimate 2014–15
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
010 Court fines and statutory penalties.....	554,802	464,665	545,499	479,360
020 Forfeitures.....	119,350	64,587	713,142	71,153
030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions) ..	307,095	304,641	342,634	352,900
040 Fixed penalty system (Criminal Proceedings) ...	224,117	221,081	215,033	217,183
050 Payments by civil servants.....	3,107	2,490	3,725	2,615
060 Fixed penalty system (Motor Vehicle Idling)	3	2	25	23
Total.....	1,208,474	1,057,466	1,820,058	1,123,234

Description of Revenue Sources

This revenue head covers fines imposed by the Courts and penalties imposed by statute, forfeitures resulting from Court orders or from breaches of contracts and agreements with the Government, penalties arising from the fixed penalty system for offences under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237), the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) and the Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Ordinance (Cap. 611), the fixed penalty ticket system for parking offences in public housing estates and payments by civil servants in respect of disciplinary proceedings and breaches of contracts.

Revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties generated 0.5% of total revenue in 2013–14.

Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The **2013–14** revised estimate of \$1,820,058,000 reflects a net increase of \$762,592,000 (72.1%) over the original estimate.

Under *Subhead 010 Court fines and statutory penalties*, the increase of \$80,834,000 (17.4%) is mainly due to the higher-than-expected revenue from fines imposed on some cases.

Under *Subhead 020 Forfeitures*, the increase of \$648,555,000 (1 004.2%) is mainly due to the higher-than-expected revenue from forfeiture cases.

Under *Subhead 030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions)*, the increase of \$37,993,000 (12.5%) is mainly due to the higher-than-expected number of fixed penalty tickets issued for traffic offences.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the increase of \$1,235,000 (49.6%) is mainly due to the higher-than-expected payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.

Under *Subhead 060 Fixed penalty system (Motor Vehicle Idling)*, the increase of \$23,000 (1 150.0%) is due to the higher-than-expected number of fixed penalty notices issued for motor vehicle idling offences.

The **2014–15** estimate of \$1,123,234,000 reflects a net decrease of \$696,824,000 (38.3%) against the revised estimate for 2013–14.

Under *Subhead 010 Court fines and statutory penalties*, the decrease of \$66,139,000 (12.1%) is mainly due to anticipated decrease in revenue from fines imposed on some cases.

Under *Subhead 020 Forfeitures*, the decrease of \$641,989,000 (90.0%) is mainly due to anticipated decrease in revenue from forfeiture cases.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the decrease of \$1,110,000 (29.8%) is mainly due to expected decrease in payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.